



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

June 17, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Yet another year is coming to a close. Our final LSPA event of the year is the Fifth Grade Moving On Ceremony this Thursday. Thank you to Louise VanGelder and Paula Spencer for organizing this special evening for our fifth graders and for heading up the Fifth Grade Committee this year.

With just a few more days of school left this will be our final LincLetter of the 2008/2009 year. It has been a great year at Lincoln School and Linda and I would like to personally thank all of the Committee Chairs and committee members who have worked tirelessly this year to keep our programs and activities running smoothly as well as Susan Fagerstrom our Treasurer and Margaret Pulsifer our Secretary who have so diligently kept our finances and our meeting minutes respectively in perfect order. The dedication and enthusiasm of all our volunteers is remarkable and Lincoln School is truly a special place due to all of your efforts. As I am stepping down as Co-President, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Linda McDonough for her friendship, hard work, and good humor this past year. A warm welcome to Bridget Stump who will be joining Linda next year as Co-President. I know that Linda and Bridget will be a great team and I am sure a lot will be accomplished in the coming year. Until then, we wish everyone a fun-filled, relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer. Jenny Splaine

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 18th

5th Grade Moving On Ceremony

Monday, June 21st

Early Release 11:30am

Last Day of School !!!!

HONOR A TEACHER TODAY

Last call! The WFEE Teacher Tribute program is wrapping up for this year. If you want to honor your child's teacher through WFEE please make your donation online at www.wfee.org.

THE LSPA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

While many of our committee chair positions are filled for 2009-10, we still need a SECRETARY for next school year. This job requires attendance at each LSPA meeting. Notes of the meeting are taken and recorded. The benefit of this position is that the time commitment required is tightly defined and known in advance. It is a critical position as we refer to past notes for planning purposes. We hope to schedule most LSPA meetings on Thursday mornings.

We also need help filing our tax forms for the LSPA. Paula Spencer has graciously helped us with this task for the last 2 years. Sadly, she is "graduating" from Lincoln. If you have any experience with tax filing, particularly for non-profits, could you help us with this once-a-year project?? PLEASE?? We don't like to beg, but will do so if necessary. Please contact Linda McDonough (781-729-4070, linkdamcdonough@yahoo.com), or Bridget Stump (781-729-0722, bridget.stump@gmail.com) if you can help with either position

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDER

Thank you all for your support and patience with me during my first year at Lincoln. I have enjoyed your children so much. This is a reminder for students with EPI-PENS, BENADRYL, or INHALERS, or any other medication kept in the health office. Please remind your children to **pick up their medication on the last day of school in the Health Office. I will also have all the paperwork and forms needed for next year** attached. Have a safe and healthy summer! Lynn Vozzella

5TH GRADE COMMITTEE THANKS

We would like to thank our co-chairs for spearheading the various 5th grade activities this year; Margaret Bertochi, Deb Murray, Katherine Waters-Clark, Jamie Spencer, Margie Peterson, Linda

McDonough, Margen Kelsey-Pine, Tina Snider, Genny Soper, Beth Maher, Michelle Antonevich, Karina Nolasco, Jenny Splaine, Lisa Neyman and Betsy Walsh. Thanks to all of the parents who very eagerly signed up to help with the committees and make each event a fun and memorable one for our children. Without your time and effort we would never have been able to celebrate the year so successfully. Our 5th graders have had a fantastic year and one that is full of fond memories. THANKS!

Paula Spencer-Pfeifenberger & Louise Van Gelder, 5th Grade Committee Co-chairs

NEW LSPA WEBSITE:

Please check out the new LSPA website at www.lincolnspsa.org. It's full of useful information including LSPA meeting minutes, board members, volunteer information, an archive of Lincletters, current calendars, community and curriculum links and more. Our vision is that this site will provide helpful information and serve as a valuable resource to all Lincoln parents. Please let us know what you think using the email provided on the website. It will continue to change and improve so don't forget to add the link to your favorites.

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2009-2010 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3, 4 & 5

It is time to sign up for musical instrument lessons. Winchester Public Schools offers an extensive program of instrument lessons and ensembles for students in grades 3-12. For more information please go to the following link and scroll to bottom of page http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us/business_office/busofficeinfo.htm.

2009-2010 OPEN ENROLLMENT IN WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is the policy of the Winchester Public Schools to enroll all elementary school students in their neighborhood school. However, out-of-neighborhood placement on a space-available basis is allowed when no additional staffing is required, with the

understanding that parents will assume responsibility for transportation and that the child's elementary school years will be completed in the out-of-district school. Please see the attached enrollment form for details.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS FOR FALL

The Winchester Public School Preschool has a few openings for the 2009-2010 school year. Space is available in the 4-5 year old full day program (M-F 8:45 - 2:15 p.m.), and the mixed-age afternoon program for 3-5 year olds (M-F 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.). The Preschool follows the Winchester Public School Calendar. If you are interested in our preschool program, please contact the Preschool Office at the Lynch School at 781-721-7015.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MIM REID SCHOLARSHIP

Mim Reid, a beloved figure in the Winchester Public Schools for over thirty years, died last year at the age of eighty. Over her career, Mim was an English teacher, reading specialist, and most recently, a staff member at the high school in Special Education. She worked full time and was in school, doing what she loved to do, the day before she died. A committee is raising funds to award a scholarship, under the auspices of the Winchester Scholarship Foundation, in Mim's name to a graduating senior in Special Ed who is going on to higher education. Mim's impact on the students of Winchester over the years is immeasurable. Please consider making a contribution so that we can honor her by recognizing a student who strives for excellence. Please send your check, made payable to the Winchester Scholarship Foundation, and earmarked 'Mim Reid Scholarship' to:

Winchester Scholarship Foundation
P.O. Box 174
Winchester, MA 01890

BORGGAARD BEACH REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Local Family Action Network of Winchester is getting ready to launch its Borggaard Beach Revitalization Project, which aims to turn the local beach into a year round recreational facility by installing an inclusive, automated, interactive Splash Park and Playground that's handicapped accessible, making this one of the few facilities of its kind in the area. Winchester's Borggaard Beach is located off Palmer Street next to the Packer Tennis Courts. Current amenities include a sandy beach, well-defined swimming areas, certified lifeguards and Red Cross swim

lessons, and restrooms with changing and shower facilities. The town sells beach memberships that permit unlimited use of the beach during its regular hours of operation. When open, it meets the local Board of Health water quality standards. Please visit the website www.fansplash.org for more information.

WINCHESTER TO HOST CAL RIPKEN YOUTH BASEBALL WORLD SERIES IN AUGUST 2009!!

From August 11-18, 2009, Winchester will host a truly remarkable and unique event: The Cal Ripken Youth Baseball World Series. In addition to Winchester's own World Series team, nine other teams will participate in the tournament representing communities throughout the United States and territories as far away as Guam!

The Cal Ripken World Series represents a premiere youth baseball event and a fantastic achievement for our community. To do it we need your help and we welcome your becoming part of our team! Winchester SYBS currently needs volunteers and support in the following 3 areas: host families are needed to provide housing for out-of-town players (two per home); volunteers are needed to host concession stands during game days; and financial donations are needed toward the \$200,000 required to host the event. Please help support SYBS! Those interested should contact Juleby Hirsch at juleby1@hotmail.com and/or visit the Winchester SYBS/World Series website www.winchesterworldseries.com. Thanks and Go Sachem Youth Baseball!

NEW BAND UNIFORMS FOR WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

For many years, the WHS Marching Band has appeared in local events like the Veteran's, Memorial and Town Day Parades, ENKA Fair, and the high school football games. The Marching Band has played a vital role in boosting the spirits of our Town and has represented the Town honorably in many forums, including competitions and national bowl games. Unfortunately, as the Marching Band Uniforms enter their 29th year of service, they are pilling and worn, and well past their prime. With the guidance of Band Director, Priscilla Miller, the Winchester Friends of Music has embarked on a campaign to raise the funds necessary to replace the old uniforms. The total cost for one hundred new uniforms is \$50,000. We have raised over half of this amount (more than \$27,000) in the last month. While we are continuing to seek additional funds

through grants, we are also continuing our direct appeal for help to the broader Winchester school community.

If you would like to help, please mail your **tax deductible donation to:**

WHS Friends of Music
4 Magnolia Way
Winchester, MA 01890

Checks should be made payable to "WPS c/o FOM Marching Band Uniform Fund". For more information, email our Treasurer, Anne Marie Hill at hill.davis@comcast.net

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!

This past fall, I announced a Cyber Security Poster Contest, sponsored by the Commonwealth, which was open to all 4th and 5th graders in Massachusetts. There were about 12 students who submitted posters from Winchester and out of those 12 we had 5 finalists in the Top 24! The winning posters were voted on by a committee from the Commonwealth and I am proud to announce the two Winchester students who made it to the Top 3 as well as the 3 others who were recognized in the Top 24!

The winners are.....Eleanor Sharon - 5th Grade at Lincoln and Francesca Panzara - 4th Grade at Ambrose.

Runners up that made it to the Top 24 and deserve recognition were...Megan Reid - 5th Grade at Lincoln, Brendan Pulsifer - 5th Grade at Lincoln, Elizabeth Welch - 4th Grade at Ambrose

Please join me in congratulating all of the participants!!

Thanks,
Kelly Kacamburas
Instructional Technology Specialist
Educational Technology Department

LINCLETTER THANK YOU

Thank you to our "typists" who faithfully assembled the Lincletter each week. And a special thank you to Laura Steenburgh who sent out the Lincletter and Principal Linc each week via email.

We hope you all have a fun and safe summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Ann Olmsted and Eileen Marks

